

## Remarks

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2008. Minor corrections are made to claims 6 and 18 to provide correct antecedent basis. Furthermore minor clarifying amendments are made to claims 1, 4, 5, 9, 12 and 14, which have been amended to clarify that Radio Frequency (RF) outputs or cables are involved.

The Examiner rejected claims 1-19 of the application under 35 U.S.C. 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Scott (U.S. 6,522,642) in view of Lam (U.S. 6,721,506).

However, we submit that the rejection is now moot, as we have amended the claims to clarify that the claims are directed to RF outputs and/or carried by RF cable. We respectfully submit that a person skilled in the art would have no motivation to combine the teachings of Scott with the optical WDM system of LAM for RF outputs carried by RF cables.

Accordingly, we respectfully submit that the claims are allowable over the cited art, and a notice thereof is hereby requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees, and credit any over payments to Deposit Account No. 14-1315, in the name of Nortel Networks.

Respectfully submitted,

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